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SUBJ : SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 PRESS BRIEFING/

GREEK INTERNAL SITUATION

REF: PUGH/GEORGE TELCON 1500 HOURS EDT JULY 22

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE NO REPEAT NO REFERENCES TO GREEK INTERNAL SITUATION DURING HIS STATEMENT TO PRESS. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWING, THE SECRETARY SAID, QUOTE: THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS, WITH WHICH YOU'RE FAMILIAR, THAT THERE MAY BE A COUP IN GREECE AT THIS MOMENT. BUT WE HAVE VERY SKETCHY REPORTS, AND WE CAN'T FORM ANY CLEAR JUDGEMENT AS TO THE COMPLEXION OF THE FORCES THAT MIGHT TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT. AND I'M NOT CONFIRMING THAT EITHER OFFICIALLY. WE'VE HAD NO OFFICIAL WORD. WE HAVE HAD THE FRAGMENTARY REPORTS THAT YOU ALWAYS GET AT THE BEGINNING OF A CRISIS. UNQUOTE. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION CONCERNING UPCOMING GENEVA TALKS, SECRETARY SAID, QUOTE: UNCLASSIFIED

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WELL, OBVIOUSLY, IF THERE IS A DOMESTIC UPHEAVAL IN GREECE

AT THIS MOMENT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHAT EACH PARTY IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS. UNQUOTE. WHEN ASKED, QUOTE: MR. SECRETARY, YOU SAID EARLIER YOU DIDN'T--YOU WERE NOT CONFIRMING ANY COUP IN ATHENS OR ANY CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN ATHENS? UNQUOTE, SECRETARY REPLIED QUOTE:NO UNQUOTE. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION QUOTE:ARE WE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE WHAT-EVER GOVERNMENT WILL COME TO POWER IN GREECE, IN CYPRUS? UNQUOTE, SECRETARY SAID QUOTE: WELL, OUR BASIC POLICY IS TO RECOGNIZE DE FACTO GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE.

2. THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO OTHER REFERENCES TO GREEK INTERNAL SITUATION DURING PRESS BRIEFING AND QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. FULL TEXT BRIEFING AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

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